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The Abstract has been amended as follows:

[The invention concerns a] A control and safety device for a machine for dispensing strips of material having a [characterised in that said] transmission means (10) which consists [consist] of a belt mounted between [the] a drum (4) and [the] a shaft (9) in a floating mount[,] . The [the] shaft receiving [said] the belt having an axle of narrower diameter than the shaft [being arranged] in its central part opposite [the] a groove formed on the drum [in a twin-wheel configuration (9a).] The axle has [having] a dimension greater than the width of the groove (4b) formed on the drum, so as to enable an oblique lateral displacement of the belt, which thus accompanies, according to a limited amplitude α , the longitudinal direction in which, for example, a [the] paper strip is being pulled out of the machine [dispenser] by the user.

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) [Control] A control and safety device allowing the ejection of a strip of material from a machine for dispensing strips, the control and safety device comprising a drum (4) and a [safety] shaft (9) which shuts off [the] a lower opening (11) through which the strip of material passes as [it] the strip of material leaves the machine [housing and drum], said drum and said shaft being linked by a means of transmission (10) comprising at least one belt, [characterised] characterized in that said [transmission means (10)] at least one belt is [float] mounted between said drum (4) and said shaft (9), said shaft having a central part [of the shaft] that accommodates said at least one belt and faces [the] a groove on [the] said drum and said shaft having [being designed with] a dolly axle (9a) [configuration] , the dolly axle having a dimension that exceeds the width of the groove (4b) on said drum (4) so as to allow sideways, slanting

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deflection of the at least one belt over a limited amplitude (α), thus tracking the direction in which the strip of [paper] material is pulled longitudinally out of the [dispensing] machine by the user.

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

2. (Amended) The device [Device] as claimed in claim 1 [characterised] characterized in that [the middle part of shaft (9) facing groove (4b) on drum (4) has a] said dolly axle (9a) [configuration of reduced] comprises a thickness (D1) [compared with the] which is less than the width of a cross-section (D2) of said shaft (9) to accommodate the at least one belt.

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The device [Device] as claimed in claim 2, wherein the dolly axle comprises a length (L1) and the groove in said drum comprises a width (L2), the device characterized [characterised] in that the length (L1) [of the dolly axle (9a) configuration] substantially exceeds the width (L2) [length (L2) of the groove on the drum].

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) The device [Device] as claimed in claim 1 [characterised] , wherein the dolly axle (9a) comprises shoulders (9b), the device characterized in that the shoulders (9b) prevent the lateral movement of the at least one belt beyond the dolly axle [dolly-axle shape (9a) of the shaft is laterally locked by the walls (9b) of shaft (9) forming a shoulder and limit stop].

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

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5. (Amended) The [A] device as claimed in claim 2 [characterised], wherein the dolly axle (9a) comprises shoulders (9b), the device characterized in that the shoulders (9b) prevent the lateral movement of the at least one belt beyond the dolly axle [dolly-axle shape (9a) of the shaft is laterally locked by the walls (9b) of shaft (9) forming a shoulder and limit stop].

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) The [A] device as claimed in claim 3 [characterised], wherein the dolly axle (9a) comprises shoulders (9b), the device characterized in that the shoulders (9b) prevent the lateral movement of the at least one belt beyond the dolly axle [dolly-axle shape (9a) of the shaft is laterally locked by the walls (9b) of shaft (9) forming a shoulder and limit stop].

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) The [A] device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one belt consists of a belt.

Claims 8-15 are new.